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"My Most Interesting Coin" is proving popular with our readers and we have some good ones coming up along with some nice articles.

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REMEMBER - The
of December is the
deadline for the Jan-
uary 1974 issue of
the TNA NEWS

PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE



Since last writing, we have traveled, visited and talked TNA. September 15-16 was spent in District 2 with Governor H. R. Peppard and the Odessa Coin Club. The show was a good one, the hospitality superb and the ball game was terrific! The TNA meeting was very productive and several new members were signed up. On September 22-23, we assisted with the 14th annual Money Mart hosted by the Austin Coin Club and I also presided at the semi-annual TNA Board meeting. All elected general officers, a majority of the district governors and appointed officers were present. The Board approved the following appointments: Dave Cervin, Amarillo, youth chairman; Ellis Brooks, San Angelo, parliamentarian; Charlotte Nichols, ANA representative; Phil Shutt, El Paso, District 10 governor; and Marvin Currie Jr., Baytown, District 6 governor.

In other business, the Board vot-

ed to eliminate the initiation fee of \$1.00 for the following classes of membership: regular, junior and chapter. **PLEASE NOTE:** Effective January 1, 1974, dues for regular and chapter members will be \$5.00 and junior members, \$2.00. Dues for associate members will remain at \$1.00.



October 4 will be a day to remember when we met with our new governor of District 10, Phil Shutt, and the International Coin Club of El Paso. Phil took me on a tour of the city, both numismatic and scenic. We visited with Renato Ruiz of the El Paso Coin Co. and Bob Adoni's Alpha Coins. Bob was in the hospital so we did not get to visit with him. Also visited with Dewey Fields, former governor, of Field's Coins. There were about 30 present for the club meeting and only three or four were TNA members, but before we

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

WE WISH FOR EACH OF YOU THIS THANKSGIVING DAY, HAPPINESS IN EVERY WAY AND MAY WE ALSO WISH FUTURE HAPPINESS IN YOUR NUMISMATIC HOBBY

FROM THE OFFICIAL TNA FAMILY

The Earliest Anno Domini Dated Coins

BY: DAVE R. CERVIN,
Amarillo, Texas

Winner of the HOWLAND WOOD MEMORIAL GRAND AWARD
at the ANA convention in Washington, D.C., 1971

Part 9 – Archbishops Who Issued Coins

"And nan man
ne age naenne
myretere, buton
cyng."

Thus said Aethel-
red II, 978 - 1016,
which freely trans-
lates: "And let
no man have a
mone yer, except
the king."

Aethelred was a
an early king of
England, and to this day the rulers
of England (Great Britain) have
been pretty fussy about reserving
the right to issue money only to
themselves. In fact there have been
mighty few exceptions to this rule,
that is, in England. But this rule
was not inviolate in many other
areas.

Next to monarchs, the most pro-
lific issuer of coins was the church.
In fact there were times and places



Dave Cervin

when archbishops actually struck
more coins than their contemporary
lay leaders. One such period was
from 1425 to 1450 when nearly all
dated coins were struck by arch-
bishops. The issuance area was gen-
erally along the lower and middle
Rhine valley, often referred to as
"The cradle of Anno Domini dated
coins."

Being an archbishop in those days
carried far more than the prestige
that went with such a high ecclesias-
tical office. It was also a tremend-
ous financial bonanza. In fact it was
reported by J. Bohl (1847) that
Jakob von Sier, the Archbishop of
Trier from 1439 until his death in
1456, paid his predecessor, Raban
von Helmstadt, 100,000 gulden to se-
cure the mitre. It seems quite like-
ly that archbishops of this period
were wealthier than their contem-
porary rulers.

Theodorie I of Erbach, Archbishop

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A	T	Ma	M	Nb	II	4b	X
C	D	Mb	II	Nc	II	4c	X
E	E	Mc	II	R	R	4d	+
H	H	Md	M	Z	Z	5	7
K	R	Na	R	4a	R	7	A

FIGURE 2 — Where the text has Boldface letters or numbers, the mediaeval equivalent may be found from this tabulation. It will be repeated with each future article.



of Mainz from 1434 to 1459, is the first of the "strong archbishops" that we will examine. The archbishopric of Mainz must have been some sort of a plum as Theodoric appears to have struck more gold coins than most of his confreres.

Illustrated by Figure 23 is a gulden struck in 1436 for Hochst. The real beauty of this coin is that it (together with several others) is the first dated (Anno Domini) coin ever struck (See TNA NEWS, August 1973). The obverse shows the shields of Trier, the Palatinate & Mainz, which is typical of the gold coins during this period. On the reverse may be seen the quartered shield of Köln-Mors over a long cross. Figure 24 shows a similar coin but struck in 1438 for Riehl.

As one might suspect, the silver coins varied considerably from gold coins for this period. But it is quite surprising to observe that the designs on the silver coins are much more attractive than on the gold. This may be seen by noting Figure 25, a groschen struck by Raban von Helmstedt, Archbishop of Trier from 1430 to 1439. Most of these early dated coins are heavily worn, but close inspection reveals St. Peter

seated and under a canopy. He holds a large key in his left hand, presumably the key to the kingdom; and in his right hand is a sceptre capped with a cross. To the left and right of St. Peter appear to be the spires of a cathedral. At the bottom is a shield. On the reverse are the shields of Trier, Mainz, and the Palatinate arranged in trefoil fashion.

With Raban, all was not ecclesiastical piety. As already pointed out, after only nine years of high office he sold the office to Jacob von Sierk for 100,000 gulden. And don't forget, gulden means gold!

Theodoric again gets in the act, as shown by Figure 26. This is dated 1447 and was struck for Bingen. It possesses most of the characteristics as already described by Figure 25. This pattern remains pretty intact from 1435 thru 1450, and then it suddenly disappears. Actually there is no record of any dated coins for the years 1451, 1452 and 1453. When dating was resumed, the appearance of St. Peter under a canopy does not reappear.

Figure 27 shows a very neat and interesting coin. It was a double gros struck in 1478 by David de Bourgoyne, Bishop of Utrecht from

FIGURE 23—Top row, HOCHST (Mainz) 1436, gold gulden. This is the first Anno Domini dated gold coin ever struck. Archbishop Theodoric I (1431-1459) issued it, and he freely admitted he was "great" (MAGV) on the coin. FIGURE 24—Second row, RIEHL, 1438, gold gulden. This coin was also struck by Theodoric I. He must have been a wealthy ecclesiastic as he possibly struck more gold coins (dated) than any other archbishop. FIGURE 25—Third row, TRIER, 1437, groschen. Struck by Archbishop Raban von Helmstedt, 1430-1439. Raban really built up an empire as he sold his "mitre" to Jacob von Sierk for 100,000 gulden. Though the picture is very poor, the date of XXXVII (37) may be seen on obverse from 8 to 10 o'clock. FIGURE 26—Fourth row, BINGEN, 1447, groschen. Also struck by Theodoric I (1431-59) who wielded a great influence for many years. FIGURE 27—Bottom row, UTRECHT, 1478, double gros. David de Bourgoyne, Bishop of Utrecht from 1455 to 1496, struck this coin in 1478. David included on his coins: DAVID MEMENTO DNI. This translates "David Remembers the Lord." How could the Lord ever forget David on judgment day?

1455 to 1496. What really interests us here is the reverse which says: "DAVID MEMENTO DNI." This translates freely to "David Remembers the Lord." By stamping this on all his coins, David must have felt pretty sure that "the Lord wouldn't forget him when his time came." Unfortunately, however, he "stole an edge" on his thousands of parishioners who didn't have his opportunity to "buy a bit of salvation." However, what he did seems only infinitesimally reprehensible when compared to the financial antics of Archbishops Raban and Jacob.

Notice the vast design difference between David's double gros and the coins already examined. They are just worlds apart. For example there is an inner and outer legend on David's coins, with the date on the inner legend. Double legends are not particularly uncommon (though the archbishops we have already dis-

cussed did not employ them), but the date on the inner legend is rather rare. The extensive use of fleur-de-lis and the legend that is a complete sentence (David Remembers the Lord) on the reverse is distinctively different from earlier dated coins.

Figure 28 is a 1496 schilling struck by Berthold, Archbishop of Mainz from 1484 to 1504. But Berthold had more titles than just that of archbishop. On the reverse he states: "BERT ARCP PRI ELECT." This translates: Berthold, Archbishop, Prince & Elector. He assumed the title of "prince" since he was also the Count of Henneberg. As "elector," he probably had a voice in selection of the Holy Roman Emperor. The obverse shows St. Peter, at his feet the shield of Mainz and the Palatinate. The reverse shows the quartered shield of Mainz, Rombild and

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FIGURE 28—Top row, MAINZ, 1496, schilling. Struck by Berthold, Archbishop of Mainz from 1484 to 1504. Berthold did not settle solely for the title of archbishop. He was also a prince (County of Henneberg) and an elector (voice in selection of Holy Roman Emperor.) FIGURE 29—Bottom row BREMEN, 1499, 4 groschen. Struck by Johann III Rode, Archbishop of Bremen from 1497-1511. Note the very large ornamental key on the reverse. "The key to the kingdom" is frequently pictured on coins of this period.

AUSTIN CLUB HOSTS TNA BOARD MEETING

Dues increase, officer appointments and approval of a new exhibit award were among the items taken up by the Board of Governors of Texas Numismatic Association at the semi-annual business session held in Austin on September 23. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Austin Coin Club's annual "Money Mart" at the Stephen F Austin Hotel.

A dues increase for members was approved effective January 1, 1974. Dues will be \$5.00 for regular and Chapter members, \$2.00 for junior members with the associate member dues remaining at \$1.00. The initiation fee for all new members was eliminated. Increasing costs in operating expense was the basis for the dues raise. TNA Treasurer Stanford (Mac) Kennady pointed out to the Board that postage rates had increased over the years with an anticipated higher cost in the very near future and that 25% of the cost of publishing the TNA NEWS was for postage.

Phil Shutt of El Paso was appointed to serve as governor for District 10 and Marvin Currie Jr. of Baytown as District 6 governor. Other appointments include Charlotte Nichols, Kenedy, ANA representative; David Cervin, Amarillo, youth chairman; and Ellis Brooks, San Angelo, parliamentarian.

The Board accepted a new award for the best numismatic error display to be given at the annual TNA convention with the award being provided by L. G. Davenport of Edinburg, District 14 governor.

Approval was also given to purchase medals with the TNA emblem on the obverse and member's name and TNA number engraved on the reverse. The medals will be sold for \$4.00 each and orders may be

placed with the TNA NEWS Editor, Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596. Other information desired on the medal will cost 10 cents for each letter or number. (At press time, 64 orders for medals had been placed.) All proceeds will be added to the TNA general operating fund.

Bob Medlar of Lubbock was the principal speaker at the awards' breakfast. Medlar spoke on "Categorizing The Coin Collector." Collectors were listed as **Investors**—buying rolls, bags, sets, gold, could develop into a collector; **True Numismatist**—studious, intense in small area and really advances the hobby; **Coin Clubbers and Officers**—has the thrill and satisfaction from operation of the club and shows, puts out hard work, gains little recognition but completely necessary; **Sufferers or Martyrs**—they follow the spouse or boy friend from display to display or table to table. They are bored, feet and girdle hurts, and hates coins.

Coin Dealer—envy of all the pinnacle. Others think of all the coins and the traveling, they get to see the world. The real truth is more crowded airports with their life investment in their sweaty hands, less sleep, works harder and puts in more hours than ever. The **Coin Dealer** fits into three types—Young, fast, knows Redbook and guidebooks by memory. Advertises heavily, has young traveling secretary, works hard, plays harder, wastes a lot and then disappears; **Has-Been Collector** is retired, fat and forty. Usually moderately competent, honest, but mortality rate is high; **Hip-Pocket Dealer** can contribute a lot or a little to the growth of the hobby.

Exhibit awards were made to the following. H. R. Peppard, best in

show, Mrs. D. O. Joplin, Jerry Williams, D. O. Joplin—U.S. coins; Chas. A. Wingo, L. G. Davenport Jr., Mrs. Joplin—negotiable currency, Peppard, Shirley Williams, Robert Greenwood—gold. Peppard, Mrs. Joplin, D. O. Joplin—foreign after 1500 A.D.; Gerald Kendall, James Hogue, Joplin—ancient and medieval prior to 1500; Joplin, David Joplin, William E. Fowler—medals.

Also, C. K. Nygard, Fowler—tokens; Andrea Peppard—juniors; Greenwood, non-negotiable currency; Greenwood, Mrs. Wm. Rust Sr., Mrs. Joplin—miscellaneous. Non-competitive exhibits were shown by Robert Greenwood, Bob Medlar and Miriam Gilmore.

The 1974 "Money Mart" will be held September 28-29 at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel in Austin. Lyman C. Barte, TNA president, was general chairman for the 1973 event.

THE EARLIEST ANNO DOMINI — (Continued from page 8)

Henneberg.

Our final coin is a 1499 four groten of Bremen, struck by Johann (III) Rode, Archbishop of Bremen from 1497 to 1511. Its most distinctive feature is a large ornamental key on the obverse (dated side.) "The key to the kingdom" is frequently encountered in mediaeval coins, but this is probably the largest of any of the keys pictured on coins. On the reverse is St. Peter, seated on a throne, in one hand a key (usual size) and in the other a book, probably a Bible. Below is the armorial shield of Johann Rode.

Yes, these years embracing the earliest dating of coins were spectacular for archbishops. In addition to guiding the spiritual lives of the people, they wielded vast temporal and temporal strength. In fact, they were probably more influential in the latter than in the former.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —

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left, 11 new members were placed on the welcome mat by TNA!

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On Sunday, October 6, we met with another fine group for a TNA meeting. It was held in Fort Worth at their annual show and District 1 Governor Everett Hull was our host. Also attending was District 15 Governor Jerry Williams of Beaumont.

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Future traveling plans include a meeting on October 21 with the good people in District 8 with Governor John C. Face of Corpus Christi in charge of arrangements. On November 4 we plan to go to Temple with District 4 Governor Keith Johnson, for a meeting to be hosted by the Temple Coin Club. We will spend November 10-11 in the Lower Rio Grande Valley with the District 14 clubs and Governor L. G. Davenport. The district meeting will be hosted by the Port Isabel Coin Club with side trips planned to Mexico and South Padre Island.

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We are fast approaching the end of the calendar year of 1973. Next month we will be asking for nominations for the **Lewis Reagan Memorial award**; the outstanding TNA junior member's award, and to remind the clubs to submit the year's activities for the **CLUB SALUTE AWARD**. I have seen one beautiful exhibit with the theme "The Spirit of the Old West" to vie for the newly established **A. L. MARTIN AWARD**. **EXHIBITORS**—shows and time are both running out so please get your exhibit on the agenda for this award.

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Plans for decimal coinage by Robert Morris were okayed in 1782 and in 1837 there was a revision and final action of currency law.

NUMISMATIC ERRORS

— A NEW FIELD —

Researched, Discussed & Presented

By: L. G. Davenport,
Edinburg, Texas

How To Recognize A Genuine Blanking Error (Clip)

Last month was devoted to blanking errors, the different varieties and how they happen. This month we will continue the study by pointing out the various properties of genuine blanking errors.

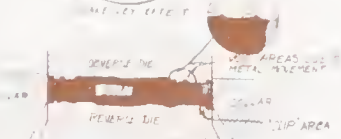
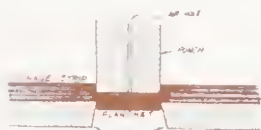
Invariably coins turn up that appear to be "clips" but are not true mint errors. Most of them are the result of mutilation, but some are experimental pieces or even intentionally made fakes. By experimental, I mean a coin that has been intentionally mutilated but not to fool anyone.

To be able to tell the difference between a genuine blanking error and a mutilated coin requires a knowledge of the minting process in general and the blanking operation in particular. Since the blanking operation was explained in some de-

tail last month, we will not go into the complete operation again. There will, of course, be references made to that and other operations throughout this study.

When a coinage strip has been punched by a blanking press, certain characteristics are left on the inside edge of the holes in the strip and on the edge of the planchets punched from it. The punch penetrates the strip on the top and cuts into it slightly over half way while the metal under the punch is being pushed through the hole in the bottom die. Since the punch penetrates only half way into the strip with its cutting action, it can be seen that the metal must break or shear to separate. That is exactly what happens. If a coinage strip or a first process planchet is examined, the edges will show a cut band and shear point. In other words, about half the thickness of either the strip or the planchet will show a clean cut while the other half will show a granular surface or torn area. The only difference between the strip and the planchets punched from it will be the direction of the cut band and shear point. The cut band will be at the top half on the coinage strip and on the bottom half of the planchets punched from it. This is a significant point.

If a malfunction occurs that causes the punches to overlap a previously punched area (the holes left in the strip), the planchets produced from those circumstances will be incom-



plet—planchets with "clips." Examination of a "clipped" planchet will show the cut band and break to be on the opposite side inside the "clipped" area from that on the outer edge of the planchet. This effect shows up quite vividly on clad coinage and is much easier seen than on a non-clad coin.

The sketch shows a cut-away of a clad strip being punched. The upper die is at the bottom of its downward stroke and at a depth where shearing action takes place. Note the direction of the metal pull at the edges of the clad strip and the first process planchet. The friction at the sides of the upper die and planchet being forced down through the coinage strip pulls the metal down inside the edge of the hole while the metal at the edge of the planchet is pulled up by sliding down through the hole left in the strip and the lower dies cutting edge.

Keep in mind the direction of the metal drag at the edges of the coinage strip and the planchet—down for the strip and up for the planchet. If a planchet is punched that laps over a hole in the strip, the area inside the hole where the punch covers will be the "clip" area. That portion will be void and not drag against anything and will retain its original form with the edge pulled down. The rest of the planchet edge will be pulled up as with any normal planchet.

To demonstrate the effect, one can take a normal clad coin and observe it at its edge. Even though the obverse and reverse will be of a copper-nickel cladding and the center will be pure copper, the edge will make the coin appear to be two-layered—a relatively thin uneven layer of copper-nickel and a thicker layer of copper. The bottom layer of cladding of the planchet is pulled up over part of the edge of the copper core and the copper

core is pulled up over the edge of the top layer of cladding. Even though the planchet has been upset (had a rim turned up) and struck with a set of dies, the original effect of the blanking operation will not be drastically changed at its edge.

Almost without exception, the missing portion of the planchet will be missing before it is struck. The same is also true for the upsetting process. As it was pointed out last month an incomplete clip can separate at various stages, even after striking. Also, a planchet can be clipped while striking, but these are very rare occurrences.

A man known simply by his last name, Blakesley, has done extensive research on "clips," and has done more to enlighten the error collector on that subject than anyone to date. Out of Blakesley's research came many answers and revelations. One of these bears his name—"The Blakesley Effect." Jim Johnson was the first to use the term in *Coin World's Collectors' Clearinghouse*.

"The Blakesley effect" has to do with the appearance left on a "clipped" planchet after it has been processed in an upset mill. An upset mill is a machine used to turn up a rim on a blank planchet. If a planchet has a rim turned up on its edge, it will not require as much striking pressure to produce a coin with sufficient rim height.

An upset mill is a machine designed so that a Type I blank planchet can be rolled through it applying to its edges at two points 180 degrees apart. The horizontally-opposed pressure points roll up the edge of the planchet. The planchets are fed into a pair of grooves—one stationary semi-circular part and the other in a wheel that spins. The two grooves form a channel that is slightly wider at its entrance than at the exit. The spinning wheel rolls

the planchet through the continually narrowing channel forcing it out the opposite side with a rim turned up on it.

Now, an incomplete planchet such as that produced in error by a blanking press will have horizontally opposing points on its circumference that are under-sized. The distance between the "clipped" area and the area just opposite, will be short of normal diameter. When a planchet such as this fed into the upset mill and is rolled to the area where the "clip" is, the short diameter between the pressure points will not be sufficient to cause the rim to be rolled either at the "clip" area or at the opposite side of the planchet. In other words, an incomplete planchet that has been processed in the upset mill will not have a turned-up rim opposite the "clip." Striking does little to hide the lack of a rim on a planchet. The design rim of a coin struck on a planchet of this kind will be weak if not non-existent. The larger the "clipped" area is, the more likely and pronounced will the "Blakesley effect" be.

Blakesley also discovered that metal movement caused from striking a "clipped" planchet developed definite characteristics. These characteristics may be observed near the edge of the coin in the "clipped" area. A fundamental law of physics is applied here which deals with movement of mass under pressure. When a coin is struck, extreme pressure is applied to surfaces of a planchet. If enough pressure is applied, the metal becomes plastic in substance molding to the design of the dies. The pressure applied by a set of dies will move the metal of a planchet to fill in and conform to their contour, and will cause the metal to move in the path of least resistance. There is an abnormal

void between a set of dies striking an incomplete planchet. The natural tendency will be for the metal to move in the direction of the void left by such a planchet.

If one will observe a coin near a "clipped" area (sometimes a magnifying glass is necessary) usually metal flow patterns can be found. This is particularly true if design is present. Since the void area will be at the outer edge of the coin, the metal flow will be in that direction—outward. It will be noted that letters and/or numerals in inscriptions, dates, etc. will be only partially "filled out" and at times be peculiar looking. Close inspection will reveal that the outer edges of these letters and/or numerals will be well formed while the edges nearest the center will be weak or missing. The reason for this is that the outward movement of the metal is stopped by the outer edge of the letter cut into the die.

Assuming that the top portion of the sketch shaded by the diagonal lines is a cut-away view of a die and the dark portion below it is an incomplete planchet, it can be seen how the metal will "stack up" against the outer edge of the design in the die. This metal movement is called "waterfall effect" because of its resemblance to water cascading over the edge.

The "waterfall effect" will usually show up on the design rim of a coin at both sides of the clipped area. At the end of the design rim in the "clipped" area will generally, but not always, be a rounding off of the inside edge.

All these are points that should be looked for on genuine "clips," but they may or not all be on any particular coin. The size of the "clip" has a great deal to do with whether or not the "Blakesley ef-

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Another Fine Show To Be Presented In Texas!

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THE COLONIAL MINTS OF LATIN AMERICA

BY: BRENT BROWN

With the Department of the Army, Schwabisch, Gmund, Germany

The Colonial Mint At Santiago

The colonization of Chile began in 1541 when Pedro de Valdivia founded Santiago de Chile. The city is located high in the Andes Mountains in an area that was once part of the Viceroyalty of Peru. The mountains around Santiago yielded little gold and silver; nevertheless, city officials sent requests to the Council of the Indies—a body to which the king gave supreme authority to deal with all legislative and jurisdictional matters in the New World) as early as 1591 for the authorization to establish a mint. After considerable delay a royal decree was issued on October 1, 1743, which authorized Francisco Garcia Huidobro to build a mint in Santiago at his own expense.

The first gold coins were struck at Santiago in 1749. Two years later the first silver coins were issued. Cob coins were never struck at Santiago and the silver milled coins that were struck were produced in small quantities. The coins issued by the Santiago mint during its early years of operation were crudely struck and were issued for circulation in Chile. Santiago was part of the Viceroyalty of Peru until 1778 when it was made a separate Captancy-General. The Spanish lost control of Chile in April 1818 and the



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country became an independent republic.

The first silver coins struck at Santiago were of the pillar design. One-half real pillar coins were struck in 1756 and 1760, four-reales pillar coins were struck in 1760, and eight-reales pillar coins were struck from 1751-1758 under the reign of Ferdinand VI and in 1760 and from 1762-1769 under the reign of Charles III.

In 1759 the king of Spain ordered that all colonial coins should be struck with a likeness of himself on the obverse of the coin. Craftsmen prepared dies for the new coins and submitted them to the Spanish officials who approved them in May with the proposed coins and the pillar coins continued to be struck until 1772 when the portrait or bust type coins appeared. The portrait coins were of similar design to those of the other Spanish colonial mints and to those portrait coins issued in Spain. (See earlier articles in this series for descriptions of portrait coins issued in Latin America.) The portrait coins issued in Spain at this time did not include the Pillars of Hercules or the legend "PLUS ULTRA," and the manner of draping the bust also varies.

Several distinct busts can be noted on the portrait coins of Santiago—the bust of Carlos III in which the king's back is shown with the right shoulder thrust forward and the profile appearing over the shoulder; the bust of Carlos IV; and the bust of Ferdinand VII which is unique

to the Santiago mint. On this type, Ferdinand VII is represented in a uniform with a high-coat collar and neck cloth and his hair is dressed in a cue. This type of bust appears on coins struck from 1810-1811.

Bust coinage was struck at the Santiago mint in values of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 4 and 8 reales. Rare bust issues include 4-reales coins struck in 1809 and 1814, and an 8-reales coin struck in 1791 with the name of Carolus III but with the bust of Carolus III. Beginning in 1789 "cuartillas" or $\frac{1}{4}$ real pieces of silver were struck at Santiago. Cuartillas did not have the portrait of the monarch on them but, as in the case of Mexico, had the lion of the province of Leon on the obverse and the castle of Castile, the "So" mintmark of Santiago, the value, and the date on the reverse. The last $\frac{1}{4}$ -real coins were struck in Santiago in 1818; the last $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, and 2 reales coins were struck in 1817; the last 4-reales coins were struck in 1815; and the last 8-reales coins were struck in 1817. The first "UN PESO" coin of independent Chile was struck in 1817.

All Chilean gold coins that have been struck to date have been minted at the Santiago mint and bear the "So" mint mark. Although Chile became independent in 1818, because of unsettled conditions Spanish-designed gold coins were issued up to 1824. Chilean gold pieces were of higher quality design and craftsmanship than the silver issues. Well struck gold issues show considerable detail. The first gold coins were the 8 escudos coins issued in 1750 with the portrait of Ferdinand (Ferdinandus) VI. Gold was later struck in values of 1, 2, 4 and 8 escudos. Rare gold issues include two escudos pieces struck in 1758, 1764, and 1773, four escudos struck in 1762-1763, 1773-1776, 1783, 1784, 1791, 1810, 1811,

1814, and 1816, and eight escudos struck in 1759, 1770, and 1772. While eight escudos pieces were struck almost every year, gold coins of lesser value were struck irregularly. Reasons of this irregularity included the supply of gold brought to the mint and the need for coined gold as a medium of exchange.

Although the Spanish lost control of Chile in 1818 it still retained possession of a small group of islands off the southwest coast of Chile named the Chiloe Archipelago. Antonia Quintanilla was able to hold this territory in the name of Spain until January 1826. Under Quintanilla's supervision, copies of 8-reales coins from Lima and Potosi were cast and a horizontal countermark "Chi-loe" was added. This coin is not classified as a counterstamped coin, the primary reason being that the countermark was added before casting.

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Gold Rasi

A small gold coin of Travencore computed at ten Chakrams and dates from a period anterior to the seventh century is called a rasi. Though not found in circulation it is still the denomination used for recording the value of lands and the ancient revenue assessed on them. For ordinary transactions these have been superseded by the tamam. These are considered historical coins.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

..... a peek at the past by the editor
from the TNA NEWS files

The Texas Numismatic Association was organized in January 1960 and took giant steps forward during the formative years of 1960 and 1961 to create a strong organization to serve the needs of all members. Last month we reviewed the early days and brought the reader up to 1962. Let's see what took place during that year.

The January issue of TNA NEWS (still in the mimeograph stage) gave birth to the idea of issuing a TNA medal but was dropped due to lack of response, but today we have TNA medals — which began in 1969 under the guidance of Roger Earwood. The President's Message called for nominations for new officers; the winner of "Name the Junior Page" contest was announced and he was Skip Smith of Houston. For his winning entry, he was awarded an uncirculated set of Wartime Jefferson nickels by Editor Doris Martin. We wonder if he still has that set, would attend the 1974 convention and display them?? Interesting articles appeared written by Courtney Coffing on foreign oddities: John Howard Swanson, Trans-Mississippi Department currency, and the first plates to be used in the NEWS were made at Swanson's expense as the center fold. TNA was preparing for the 1962 convention set for April at the Kyle Hotel in Temple.

In the February 1962 issue, announcement was made of a committee to work on guidelines for hosting conventions and district boundaries. Dates for the convention were given as April 14-15 and that was our fourth one. The Junior Reading Roundup had reports on the Fort Worth and Waco junior clubs. Where are those juniors today? Short articles were given by Courtney Coffing and M. H. Loewenstern.

Some of the ideas coming from the President's Message in March TNA NEWS was one for hosting a future TNA convention in El Paso to create interest in the western part of Texas. E. H. Brooks was planning the first breakfast meeting at a TNA convention for district governors and club representatives for them to share ideas and discuss problems. A convention invitation was issued by Kalvert K. Tidwell and John Hill was listed as general chairman with Mike Brownlee conducting the auction. A. J. Mitula, Robert I. Nesmith and Courtney Coffing wrote articles and the club news included juniors from Waco and Temple along with suggestions by juniors doing some thinking. Juniors were asking: ADULTS, WHY DON'T YOU use us as "runners" at your auctions? Let us work with the auction grading committee to help us sharpen our grading skills? Let us do a real job at the coin shows — like acting as pages, etc.? Plan programs that will help us with our school work like history, economics or art?

The April issue announced that all convention plans were set with the Temple Com Club as host. Speakers were Margo Russell — "Coins for Pleasure, Knowledge & Profit;" R. E. Wendland — "Confederate Money," Matt Rotherb — "U.S. Fractional Currency," and Col. H. Fletcher "Texas Money." Written articles were by Robert E. Nesmith, Courtney Coffing, Dr. Howard Swanson and Kalvert K. Tidwell along with club news and some personal notes about people, places and events.

A News Letter was sent to members in May since the TNA NEWS was in for some changes — a printed publication! A report of the convention was

given and the new officers were announced: A. I. Martin, president; Welton Kemp, first vice president; E. H. Brooks, second vice president; Mrs. J. C. Jenkins, secretary, and Lt. Col. Freeman Craig, treasurer. District governors were: E. R. Parrish I, Chas. M. Travis, II, R. V. McCarty, III, K. K. Tidwell, IV, Dr. John Swanson, V, Louis H. Harrison, VI, Mrs. Grace Curtis, VII, Ernest E. Marchant, VIII, and M. H. Loewenstern, IX. Appointees were: Chris Johns, youth program; Doris Martin, ANA representative; John Barrett, parliamentarian; Miriam Gilmore, historian; K. K. Tidwell, publicity; and Bill Miller, convention coordinator.

Doris Martin was awarded the first LEWIS REAGAN MEMORIAL AWARD for her devoted efforts in her duties as TNA NEWS editor. Exhibitors at the convention were Floyd Covill, E. B. Comer, Doris Martin, Roy Daniels and Thos. C. Bain, who won best in show. Kathy Adkerson won the Popular Choice award and the junior award for her display of minor foreign coins.

AND THERE IT WAS! Our first edition off the printing press of Clark Coursey, Banner Printing Co., Brownwood — the TNA NEWS, June, 1962. The format was nicely made up and crammed with articles to include the speeches given at the April TNA convention which were mentioned above. The center fold carried a photo of Kathy Adkerson who won Popular Choice award and the junior honor. Kathy was from Bertram and was 14 years old then. Wonder where Kathy is today and if she is still interested in coins? Doris Martin as editor, launched the first issue in REAL PRINT and members were enthused over the new "look".

Chris Johns, youth program chairman, announced plan for an essay contest for juniors in the July 1962 issue of TNA NEWS. The subject was

"Patriotism in Numismatics" and the essay was not to exceed 500 words. Chris wrote "... This is something you should get busy on before school work takes all your time. Hope you are as excited as I am over these projects. I'll be very disappointed unless just scads of inquiries come in regarding the contest." In that issue, Doris began a new column "Dipping the Flag" — Who's Who in Texas Numismatics. She wrote in her editorial "AND SO . . . Says the Editor — "... This feature will be included as often as we have a candidate for it. Remember it is intended as a salute to a TNA member who is doing or has done something outstanding to promote Texas numismatics — a state-wide service." To my surprise in turning to page 21, I was the first candidate. It brought back memories of my efforts to contact all Texas clubs to compile a list with correct addresses, meeting dates, etc. As Doris wrote — I was shouting from the house top for names of Texas clubs. Ironie! I'm still doing it! Interesting articles and club news made up the balance of the issue.

The August issue carried articles, more club news and the enthusiasm shown by TNA members overwhelmed me when I re-read it. At that time a new organization was being formed to be known as the East Texas Association, and designed to band together East Texas clubs to hold an annual convention and to help strengthen and promote numismatics in the area. Jack T. DeForrest presented the first of a two-part article on the coins of Mexico and Courtney Coffing offered his monthly column on foreign coins. Doris "dipped the flag" to Kalvert K. Tidwell who did much to further interest in numismatics in Texas and elsewhere — and was one of the editors in getting TNA off the ground.

Bill and Chris Johns of Houston were featured in the September 1962

issue under the column "Dipping the Flag." This energetic couple were the wheels of progress in Houston area numismatics and in 1955 Bill had met with eight other coin collecting friends to organize the Greater Houston Coin Club. Bill and Chris served in many positions in the club. Doris wrote that they had been in on the organization and growth of TNA ever since it was just a gleam in the eyes of such Texas numismatists as Ross Barrera, Lamar and August Folda, Joe B. Davis, Kalvert Tidwell, Sarge White and many others. Clubs news came from Treasure Island at Galveston, Austin, Liberty at Corpus Christi, General Dynamics at Fort Worth, Alamo at San Antonio, Lufkin, Center, Beaumont, Big D Coiners of Dallas — some of these have fallen by the wayside, some are still going strong. New clubs added were at Childress, Quanah and Duncanville.

Coming into October 1962, the Events Calendar began listing coin shows in Texas and neighboring states and it was noted that Frank Knight was migrating from Kermit to Sidney, Ohio to join the Coin World staff — but Frank is back in Texas now and at Kermit again — we just can't keep them away from Texas! Club news was profuse plus the usual interesting articles and personal notes.

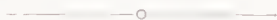
The TNA Flag was dipped in November to John H. Swanson who was mighty important in the early days of TNA. He was serving as Governor of District 5 and lived in Kilgore at the time. He faithfully visited and contacted the clubs in his district and his collecting interests centered on Texas drafts, warrants and notes. Articles included some from Courtney Coffing, James H. Cohen and your current editor. Clubs were really sending in roundups of their activities.

In the December issue of the TNA NEWS, the TNA official family sent season's greetings and wished each

one a glorious holiday. The President's Message reminded governors and clubs to be thinking of the best candidates for TNA officers and district governors as election time was coming up in March, 1963. Doris Martin wrote the Christmas article on "Coins Proclaim Christianity" and Bob Medlar offered his first story on Texas currency. Courtney Coffing wrote on Christmas in Germany and that issue also featured a Christmas poem "OLD SANTA" by Wilson F. Walters. December went 30 pages and the clubs were showing their support by sending in news to the editor.

Space does not permit detail in reviewing the past of TNA, but if one could read the entire contents of each issue of the TNA NEWS; live in the past when TNA was a baby to be nurtured; one would be so appreciative of the many efforts put forth by the organizers, the members and clubs to make this organization one to be proud of. I'm proud and happy to have had some part of this past history of a great association.

Next month we will cover 1963 — a big year for TNA. DO YOU REMEMBER?



Biblical Design

In 1923 when new coins were to be issued for the Union of South Africa, those in charge were discussing appropriate designs for these coins and what should be on the reverse. They decided on suitable symbolic designs and when they came to the farthing, one man who had read the Bible thought of that part of Matthew 10, Verse 29: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing," so the two sparrows, sitting on the branch of a South African thorn tree, were put on the farthing.
—Michael McDonald.

VOID FOUND IN "S" MARK

BY: BRAD MILLS,
Dallas Morning News

Beginners and casual collectors constantly find themselves stymied in efforts to complete sets of denominational issues. Even the current Lincoln cents, Jefferson nickels, Roosevelt dimes and the recently obsolete



Brad Mills

Franklin and Standing Liberty half dollars cause severe headaches in spots. The scarce dates and mint marks are simply not around on a search-and-find basis, a fact that leaves coin boards empty in spaces where the rare items belong. The novice frequently finds trouble in forcing himself to purchase the valuable coins needed to complete the sets.

Perhaps the greatest void lies in the "S" mint coins, and especially so in the Middle West. Almost every beginner needs coins from San Francisco. Obviously this shortage was caused by the distribution of "S" coins in the west. Most of the Lincoln cent boards east of the original "S" mint distribution region may be well filled with Philadelphia and Denver coins, while still hoping for those elusive "S" mint marks.

Closing of the San Francisco mint in 1955 added a special touch and scarcity to coins previously struck at that plant. Reopening of this mint on a special basis in 1968 again gave us the "S" cents and nickels shipped from the west coast to points east of the usual distributing region

bordering the Pacific.

A large number of coins from the old San Francisco mint has gravitated to the east and middle west by various means, following their normal distribution along the Pacific. But a spot check in any purse in Texas, Colorado or Oklahoma probably would not reveal a single "S" mint coin.

However, not all "S" mint coins are scarce or rare. The output during certain years was great enough to give all parts of the nation a substantial overflow in time. In many cases the San Francisco coins were distributed out of Philadelphia or Washington, a notable example having been the silver dollars included in the 1958-1959 dumping.

The Denver mint certainly should not be overlooked with its record of small annual coinage in spots. Prime examples are the 1914-D Lincoln cent, the 1950-D Jefferson nickel. Scarce "D" mint coins are well scattered through nearly all denominations between 1906 and 1958. Most coin boards need these items.

The Philadelphia mint has tried to avoid small yearly coinage of any denomination during the past 50 years but a few have popped up. Many of the earlier "P" mint issues are rare and difficult to find in any condition. Collectors of the 1860-1920 era virtually ignored the opportunity to obtain and even hoard the rare "P" mint coins at hand.

It must be stressed that empty holes in coin holders probably will be filled by serious collectors, but it will require more than a searching effort to do it. A reasonable outlay of cash may be the answer but the decision should be left entirely to the individual. He knows

best what he can afford.



SELECTIVITY STILL KEY

Many inquiries are received from readers and casual collectors who want to know something about coins as an investment or hedge against inflation. This column has discussed the subject several times, yet the weakening of the United States dollar, higher silver and gold prices and inflation have combined to generate increased interest in coin collecting. It seems that almost everybody is looking for something tangible to hold on to in case present trends go unchecked, but the solution is not an easy one.

The recent rapid rise in silver bullion prices has favorably affected all owners of substantial quantities of 90 per cent silver coins. Of course, the gold spiral has done the same thing. However, the metallic aspect of this boom has principally been responsible for the desirability of the common silver and gold coins.

It seems utterly foolish at this time to hoard the non-silver Eisenhower dollars minted since 1971 in large quantities. The metal value of these coins certainly is not more than 10 cents, and in a way they merely represent the weak U.S. dollar as the paper currency does. The same reasoning goes for our other recent coins whose melt-down value is far less than face value.

If by some twist or quirk the metal value of the common Lincoln cent should exceed its face value, all pennies would disappear almost overnight, just as the 90 per cent silver coins did. This actually happened during the Civil War, but mostly because of their scarcity and not their metallic value. However, the ever-present Lincoln cent appears safe from hoarding for a long time to come—if ever.

Selectivity is still the key to put-

ting aside coins for the future. Blind hoarding certainly is not the answer. A rough parallel to this numismatic puzzle would be the aimless buying of desert and mountain land from speculators. The acres are still there all right but a jack rabbit would starve to death without foreign aid.

Scarcity, condition and age make up the real yardstick in the coin realm, and probably in that order. Metallic content is a natural factor that has come into the picture because of inflation, yet many silver and gold coins are not really scarce.

The throwing aside or hoarding of U.S. coins more than 30 years old makes some sense if they are in nice condition, but many in the 1930's are plentiful and of little premium value. Obviously the 90 per cent silver coins have turned out well but their future seems to be tied to the silver commodity market.

Gold coins likewise will be affected chiefly by bulk gold prices. The 40 per cent silver Kennedy half dollar minted from 1965 through 1970 will not have a metallic premium value until the price of silver bullion passes \$3.50. This may or may not happen.

The best numismatic investments have proved to be the scarce and rare individual coins, rather than the bulk material. Before any new collector goes on a hoarding spree, he or she should familiarize himself or herself with the basics involved. It is always better to learn something about a business before going into it.



The year 1933 was disastrous for the nation — a bank holiday was declared with the result that depression scrip was issued and the minting of the silver dollar halted.

RIGHT NOW, YOU MAY BE MISSING ONE THIRD OF YOUR COINS

BY: LANCE DOHIE,
Chicago, Ill.

All too often people have the tendency to fall victim to their learned habits. Many times we find ourselves not in the groove as we thought, but in a rut. Coin collectors are no exception. If you hand the average collector a coin and ask him to examine it, he will almost invariably turn it obverse up and peer at it, observing the date and mint mark as the case may be, and perhaps condition. This is where the groove ends and the rut begins; for, all too often, the coin will be quickly flipped over and the reverse similarly inspected. Why is the third side of the coin, the edge, treated like a stepchild and so rudely ignored?

In most instances, unless there is a severe nick or gouge in the rim, no notice is taken of this very important third side. Error collectors and variety collectors, falling more in the forefront of the numismatic fraternity, have a proclivity toward scrutinizing the third side of a coin. In the case of error collectors this is undoubtedly due to the number of major errors associated with or adjacent to the rim. These errors of course include clips, design cuds, and partial collars. Perhaps a brief discussion of one distinctive edge variety that can still be located by the diligent numismatist would help remind more collectors to take notice of their coins' third side.

The coin variety selected for this purpose was minted in Philadelphia in 1921. Now, most United States coins minted in 1921 are really not too plentiful, but this one is a glaring exception. The coin is the Morgan dollar, and the specific variety

has the infrequently reeded edge.

As opposed to the normal Morgan dollar which has 182 to 190 grooves or reeds on its edge, the 1921-P I-R Morgan has only 154 reeds. All 1921-P I-R Morgans were produced by the same collar. This collar is believed to have been machine-cut, whereas, the typical collars appear to have been hand-cut. There is also some evidence that these coins were the first dollars struck in 1921, after a 17-year lapse in dollar production. Thus, this variety is considered by some as a regular die trial or pattern piece. Frank Spadone has reported that after inspecting 10,000 1921-P Morgans and extrapolating the ratio of I-R to normally reeded coins found, there is a projected mintage of 416,497. In comparison, this is over 400 times the mintage of the much admired 1856 Flying Eagle cent pattern.

The infrequently reeded 1921-P coin can be immediately distinguished from its vulgar brethren by aligning the grooves of the suspect coin with the grooves of an adjacent Morgan dollar minted any year other than 1921. The grooves of the common 1921-P Morgan will line up with grooves of the reference coin. The grooves of the I-R variety, on the other hand, will be out of phase only a fraction of an inch from the initial point of alignment. Thus, the I-R 1921-P is the only dollar which is identified by its edge instead of its obverse or reverse.

The 1921-P I-R Morgans are still readily available and should be an interesting addition to many numismatist's collection. There are three discernible variations of the I-R dollar and six varieties of the normal 1921-P Morgan, so an avid dollar

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JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

BY: DAVE CERVIN,
Amarillo, Texas

TNA Youth Chairman
ANA Texas Youth Representative

Great news! Two more Roman coins have been earned and are herein announced. There are three singularly interesting aspects to these awards:

1. The two recipients live on the east coast and in central Arizona, though they are, of course, members of TNA.
2. They earned their Roman coins by entering exhibits at the ANA convention in Boston. (Remember, however, you earn a coin for exhibiting at any coin show except your own, though you may earn only one in a calendar year.)
3. And now for the great news. Between them they won the highest honors that can be achieved at a national convention!

Let us examine in detail item 3. The big winner was Doug Freund of Scottsdale, Ariz., who captured best in show in the junior competition with his "A Crown of Each Spanish Ruler of the Low Countries." Naturally he garnered a first in "Foreign Coins Classification" also. Was this the first time a TNA junior has won the top national award? I don't know, but until someone advises me to the contrary we'll have to assume that Doug is the first.

Under any condition he has extended the victory skien of "Best in Show" at the ANA convention to three straight years for TNA members. The Howland Wood Grand Memorial Award (Best in Show) was won in 1972 by Frank O'Sullivan and by D. R. Cervin in 1971. And now Doug extends this national acclaim

through 1973, though in the junior class.

And now for Mark Pitcock, of New Providence, N. J. Mark did just about as good as one can when a teammate grabs off all the biggest honors. He was just nosed out for second and settled for third in "Foreign Coin Class." Mark exhibited "Thirty-one Commemorative Crowns," which included uncirculated crowns dating between 1901 and 1972.

Never forget that the splendid awards achieved by these two sharp juniors had nothing to do with the Roman coin they earned. They earned this solely by entering an exhibit in a coin show other than their own. And this you can do, too. But there is certainly no law against winning also. It is something like adding frosting to the cake.

Now let's run a short profile on Mark Pitcock. (Next month we'll talk about Doug.) Mark is 17 years old, and is a senior at New Providence High School. He was born in Houston, Texas, and expects to return soon, as he has already been accepted at TCU. Now here is truly a great thing to say about Mark. He is not only an elder in the Presbyterian church, but his present plans lean toward the ministry. Great, Mark.

Let me quote from Mark's letter concerning this exhibit. "The thing I like about commemoratives is their historical significance. Thus in my exhibit I emphasized this aspect by presenting a brief but fairly complete account of the people, places

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(EDITOR'S NOTE — This is a continuing series of "MY MOST INTERESTING COIN." We invite you to write and tell us of your little treasure. Send all articles to the Editor, Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596.)

MY MOST INTERESTING COIN

BY: D. O. JOPLIN,
Levelland, Texas

Several years ago I attended a Service Station Dealer Development School in Lubbock and upon my return I found an interesting coin awaiting me. One of my employees handed me a 1797 British 2 pence that someone had left for me to look at.

The next evening the gentleman came and introduced himself as a minister from Justin, Texas. He was conducting a summer revival at a town just a few miles east of Levelland and had heard that I collected coins. (At the time I was purchasing parking meter coins from the City of Levelland and finding some

goodies too.)

We visited and looked at coins and when he left, he gave me a few coins to sell for him.

Later in the week he returned to pick up the coins which had not sold. I asked him what the price was on the 1797 British coin—nicknamed "The Cartwheel." He remembered that I had a 1923-S Lincoln cent that would fit nicely in his collection. We compared price trends on the two coins and we agreed to trade even.

I still have that "Cartwheel" and it I had to dispose of all my numismatic treasures except one, that would be the one I would keep. It's interesting, has history, is odd sized — a numismatic conversational piece!



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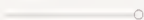
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fect" is present. Generally the larger the "clip" the more prominent this effect is, but I have seen rather small "clips" that had corresponding "Blakesley effects" that were quite pronounced. The "waterfall effect" depends on design being present. If a "clip" is small and not very near some part of the design, flow lines will not show up very well, if at all.

It takes some training, but one point is always present on a genuine "clip" that can be checked. The cut band and break inside the "clip" is a must for the genuine article. I don't think that effect can be duplicated outside the mint without leaving some evidence of foul play.

If you have taken the time to

read this far, you must be slightly interested in numismatic errors. Why not dive right in and join the fun—collecting numismatic errors is really catching on—don't be left out!



El Salvador

The Republic of El Salvador is the smallest of the five Central American republics, on the Pacific Coast between Guatemala, Honduras and the Gulf of Fonseca. San Salvador is the capital city and was founded in 1525 by Jorge de Alvarado.

In 1925, a one colon was issued commemorating the fourth century of San Salvador. It shows the busts of Alvarado and Qumonez and the arms of San Salvador. There were only 1,000 pieces struck.

RIGHT NOW YOU MAY BE —

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collector could spend many enjoyable hours searching for the entire set.

The purpose of this essay was not necessarily to encourage the collection of 1921 Morgans, but to make collectors more aware of their coins' third side. Become aware, or you're missing one third of your coins!



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THEORETICAL WEIGHT OF CURRENT UNITED STATES COINAGE

Denomination	Roll	Bag
Cent	5.49 oz	34.28 lb
Cent (steel)	4.76 oz	29.76 lb
Nickel	7.05 oz	44.09 lb
Dime (silver)	4.41 oz	55.12 lb
Dime (clad)	4.00 oz	50.00 lb
Quarter (silver)	8.82 oz	55.12 lb
Quarter (clad)	8.00 oz	50.00 lb
Half (silver)	8.82 oz	55.12 lb
Half ('65-'70)	8.11 oz	50.71 lb
Half (clad)	8.00 oz	50.00 lb
Dollar (silver)	1 lb 2.85 oz	58.93 lb
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JUNIOR READIN' —

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er events which the coins honored

"This entailed a lot of research. I spent several days at the New Providence Memorial Library gathering the historical data, and an entire day at the American Numismatic Library in New York researching numismatic information for my coins."

Mark has early found the difference between being a coin collector and a true numismatist. And that answer is study and research. Mark's study has resulted in a good bit of published writing, notably, "The Crowning Glory," in the TNA NEWS of November 1972 which won the 1972 ANA junior literary award, and an article in the August 1973, THE NUMISMATIST, on psuedo-coins. Mark's title is "The Coins in the Back of the Book" and it was good enough to earn for him the Mary Jane Gould

Memorial Award for juniors in 1973. This was awarded at the ANA convention in Boston.

It is quite evident that Mark has done a lot of writing for his very youthful years. His thoughtful statement, "I prefer writing to exhibiting, and plan to continue in this work," is most understandable.

What are his numismatic goals? "I merely want to keep collecting, keep exhibiting, and especially keep writing. Right! now numismatics is perhaps the most enjoyable part of my life. As long as it stays fun, I hope to continue." Mark, it will. Numismatics has been aptly defined as "The Hobby of All Ages."

Let me add my two cents worth. With numismatics as a background, and already an accomplished and proven writer, Mark has all the prerequisites to go far in the field of ministry, or any other field, for that matter, should Mark change his mind.



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EDITOR

We love all our numismatic friends, TNA members, our Texas clubs but we have a special little place in our heart for our young numismatists who will be taking on this great organization in the very near future. We received a very flattering note from a new junior TNA member:

Mrs. Gilmore:

I am a new member of the TNA (junior member.) I love your magazine. I was wondering if you could help me get in touch with a few silver bar collectors. I am just beginning and would appreciate any help you could give. Keep up the good work!

Boyce Stone

Rt. 1

Pattonville, Tex. 75468

We put him in touch with another junior member who collects silver bars and we wish them both luck in their collecting. If anyone else enjoys this field—get in touch with Boyce, he's lovable.

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"My Most Interesting Coin" is gaining popularity—response is good and we appreciate it. We have several on hand now but keep them coming. We heard from another new TNA member—Michael P. Walker of Garland who wrote "Here is my article entitled 'My Most Interesting Coin'. As a new member, I don't expect it to be published as many

longtime members will submit theirs. Also, it is my first article from the pen. Well, so much for excuses, here it is; and I appreciate the opportunity to write about MY hobby as well as yours." Michael—old or new member—all articles are welcomed and anytime anyone feels like sending one in—I'll pay the postage! Watch for Michael's story in the very near future.

◇

From Doris Martin, Houston, comes "I want to be included in plans for the TNA FOUNDERS' REUNION so see that I get a ticket." It went in the mail right away! Doris is former editor of TNA NEWS and TNA is indebted to her for getting the NEWS "off the ground." She wrote also—"I do want you to know how very proud I am of the TNA NEWS and especially of its editor. Under your care it has matured and grown in stature with each year."

Anyone else wanting tickets to the Reunion luncheon? **REMEMBER, EVERYONE IS INVITED.** Write to either me or Chris Johns, Box 90156, Houston 77090. This is a "Dutch treat" event and the tickets are \$5.00 each. The luncheon will be at 12.30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Rice Hotel in Houston during the 1971 TNA convention. The founders will be special guests and you'll

want to hear of the early days, so don't miss this one.



Brent Brown writes from Germany that he is in a little town named Schwabisch Gmund, 52 kilometers east of Stuttgart, working for the Department of the Army and will be there for about a year. In addition to his TNA NEWS articles on "Colonial Mints of Latin America," Brent is preparing some on collecting contemporary German coins. The little town where Brent is, is very nice, he said, and he has a lot of free time to see Germany. Brent also sent some German coins to me for my collection. They were greatly appreciated. Many thanks.



Jerry Williams of Beaumont writes "... by the way the TNA NEWS is getting more interesting, thanks to you." Carlton Brush of Farmersville, one of the TNA founders and first vice president sent word "... Congratulations on the excellent job you are doing with the TNA NEWS." And from a new TNA member living in New Mexico—Fred C. Luedecke "Since coming to the southwest from Illinois I have become acquainted with TNA NEWS and find it to be a very interesting and stimulating coin magazine. Since I am interested in Topical Collecting, Mr. Slate's column caught my eye. I recently applied for membership in TNA that I may receive the magazine regularly." Mr. Luedecke enclosed an outline of a program on Topical Collecting and we are forwarding it to Bill since that is his specialty and he will be thrilled with the interest shown. Thanks all for the nice compliments on our TNA NEWS. In reply to the President's Message in the October issue—we may not win any awards for our publication, but when we have members who read it and enjoy it,

that's reward enough. Thank you.



The Bank of Italy is looking for an artist—an unknown person is hand-painting perfect looking replicas of 100,000 lire (\$176) bills, which professionals with printing and etching facilities never tried to counterfeit because they feared stringent checks on such high denomination banknotes. The man seems to be setting his own leisurely working rhythm as only five of the forged banknotes were discovered in 1971, 12 in 1972 and only one so far this year.

One trouble we're having today is that we're money mad. We look at what's happening to our money and get mad. . . . adios and thirty.



"Britannia" Copied From Roman Coins

The coins of Trajan (a Roman Emperor of 98-118 A.D., who was an empire builder of no mean order) for Britain, part of that Great Roman Empire of his day, are of special interest. On the reverse side of one of his coins Britannia is seated, a spear in her hand, her foot upon a rock, a spiked shield or buckler at her side, and in exergue the inscription "Britannia."

It was from such a coin, telling of the Roman victories in Britain, that the English derived the emblem commonly shown on the reverse of British coins. To the ancient Romans it told of a nation subdued, of another colony added to the Great Roman Empire, continually expanding under one emperor after another.

To the Britisher of today, the emblem calls to mind the familiar stirring song telling us that "Britannia Rules the Waves," and that her people will never bow in slavery to another conqueror.

from the

first vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Col. Charles A. Wingo

Rt. 2, Box 109
Denison, Texas 75020



Two new exhibit awards will be made at our TNA convention in Houston next April. One, an award offered by the Sid Levinsons and called the "A. I. Martin Memorial Award," and another to be provided by our own "King of Errors" L. G. Davenport, for the best "Numismatic Error" exhibit.

This latter exhibit was offered by Davenport and approved at our recent semi-annual TNA board meeting in Austin and the rules are currently being worked out. Basically, the winner will be determined by the sponsor or his representative and will be given to the exhibitor displaying the best numismatic error exhibit. It will not be a separate classification so that any exhibit entered in any of the competitive classes and containing numismatic errors may be declared the winner.

Details regarding the A. I. Martin Memorial Award have been published previously but, briefly, the award will be given to the TNA member who displays the best numismatic exhibit during the year having a "Spirit of the Old West" theme. The winner will be determined on the basis of photographs of the exhibit entered in the competition. The cutoff date has not yet been established, but it will probably be around the first of March so that the winner may be elected and notified in time to arrange for the exhibit to be displayed at the TNA con-

vention.

I know that most of you would love to have this unusual and valuable trophy, and to know the thrill of receiving it at the TNA convention when it is presented by Mrs. A. I. Martin. If you want to compete, now is the time to prepare a "Spirit of the Old West" exhibit, display it at any Texas coin show, take photographs of the exhibit and send them to TNA President Bartee. Copies of any reading material not readable in the photographs should be included.

Why don't you try to be the first winner of one of these special awards? You can do it!

POPULAR THALER

A truly outstanding numismatic item of historical significance is the Maria Theresa thaler. These silver dollar-size pieces were first struck as Austrian coins in 1870 with the bust of Maria Theresa on the obverse and the Austrian arms on the reverse. The same coming dies have been reused almost every year since 1870, although the date remains the same.

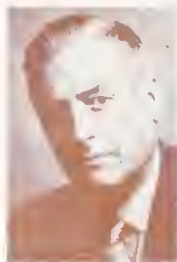
They have been used extensively in Ethiopia, Arabia and neighboring countries. The date is a mark of "genuineness" to the natives who have become familiar with the coin and object to a change in date.

From the

second vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Fred Clark
2124 Lakeside Dr.
San Angelo, Texas 76901



As 1973 draws to a close, have you signed your one new member for the year?? Remember, the VIP Award will be given to the one who signs up the most new members. It is something that anyone would be proud to own. It can only be had by someone who really works for TNA. Right now there are several in the running for this. It is the one who has the extra punch in the last quarter who wins the hall game. The same with TNA. The one who does not quit in the last quarter will come away the winner. **LET'S TRY TO WIN!** If you have not signed one new member try to do so, for it is the little ones that make TNA strong.



Now is the time to start thinking of the TNA convention. If you have never been to one, you have missed a lot. If you have attended just one, I'll bet you are already making plans to be in Houston in April, 1974. I sure hope so. This is the time when old friends are seen and new ones are made. It is a place **TRUE** coin collectors come together and exchange ideas that keep the hobby what it is today. Governors and club representatives be sure to get your news in to the TNA NEWS. Also, remind your clubs of the **CLUB SALUTE AWARD** contest which must be in by January 15, 1974. This is the **ONE** all club members can be proud that their club had a part

in. But you must get the club entry in to the TNA NEWS editor or your club will not be counted.



A word about the **A. I. MARTIN MEMORIAL AWARD**—this is a great honor and you must have your entry in by the first of the year so that it can be judged by the panel of judges. Send in pictures and the written portion of the exhibit—meaning the description and the numismatic information.



I hope all governors and club representatives start making plans for the annual breakfast held during TNA conventions. If you have any ideas for discussion, let me hear from you and we will make this one the best ever!

RARE TOKENS

Interest in the transportation branch of numismatics has been on the increase for the past few years. Even non-collectors like to save fare tokens as souvenirs of cities they have visited, while coin collectors find that the well-struck pieces make an interesting and attractive display. A few transportation tokens will dress up a coin collection and afford its owner many enjoyable hours of recreation.

from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

Mrs. Augusta Felda
420 Heritage Drive
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Welcome to members J-2592-J-2602.

If approved the following will become members December 1, 1973.

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eral, H. R. Peppard, Lyman C. Bartee.

2648 Lance A. Dohe, 7711 W. Hortense, Chicago, Ill. 60631. 20th Century U.S. and U.S. Errors. Miriam Gilmore and L. G. Davenport Jr.

J-2649 (D-8) Robert M. Barnes, Jr., 910 Sharon, Corpus Christi, Tex. 78412. U.S. Ouida Davis.

J-2650 (D-5) Lann Gordon, 4808 Ellensburg, Dallas, Tex. 75234. Type Silver Dollars. LCdr. C. C. Andrews.

2651 (D-5) Don Ottensman, 12111 Brisbane, Dallas, Tex. 75234. General. LCdr. C. C. Andrews

J-2652 (D-14) Jesse J. Valdez, Jr., 805 E. 8th, Weslaco, Tex. 78596. U.S., Lyman C. Bartee.

2653 (D-4) Carl K. Nygard, Rt. 4, Box 166, Elgin, Tex. 78621. General Lyman C. Bartee.

2654 (D-5) Robert L. Johnston, 12636 Croydon Circle, Dallas, Tex. 75230. Texana and Confederate. LCdr. C. C. Andrews.

C-156 (D-15) Orange Coin Club, Box 1193, Orange, Tex. 77631. Jerry Williams.

2655 (D-4) Michael T. Schmitz, Box 1332, Austin, Tex. 78767. Paper Money and Roman Coins. Lyman C. Bartee.

2656 (D-4) William S. Poyner, 7908 Gault, No. 108, Austin, Tex. 78758. U.S. Coins. D. O. Joplin

2657 (D-5) Joseph A. Joffe, 2050 Warder Way, Grand Prairie, Tex.

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from the treasurer

Texas Numismatic Association

Stanford M. Kennady

2901 Silverleaf Dr., Austin, Texas 78757



Balance on hand as of August 31, 1973	\$3,823.21
Receipts:	
Sale of 1973 Convention Auction	250.00
Sale of 1973 Convention Medals	36.00
TNA News Ads	74.00
Sale of copies of TNA News	13 65
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	\$4,196.86

Disbursements:	
Banner Printing Co.	534.26
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—1008 copies	389.00
Postage	117.41
Engravings	27.85
TNA News Editor—September	
travel allowance	
and petty cash	108.00
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	\$3,554.60

SECRETARY'S REPORT —

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ADDRESS CHANGES

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1877 (D-7) Neil B. Nichols, Box 659, Kenedy, Tex. 78119.

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Balance on hand as of September 30, 1973	\$3,554 60
Operating Funds	\$3,449.59
Ear-marked Funds	105.01
Note: The following funds cannot be used for anything except the purposes for which they are ear-marked. The above balance includes these funds except as noted below.	
TNA Library Fund as of August 31, 1973	\$ 105.01
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CORRECTION

2603 (D-4) Mrs Ella G Pitzer, 1204 So 43rd St., Temple, Tex. 76501.

1974 DUES

Dues notices will be mailed out December 1, 1973. Please note that the 1974 dues have been raised to \$5.00 for regular members and Chapters, \$2.00 for juniors and \$1.00 for associates. There will be no admission fee for new applicants.

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● The King Farouk of Egypt Collection of Banknotes accompanied by a second volume of choice and rare coins, medals, and tokens of the world.

● The largest and most diversified numismatic sale on record was the 5001 Lots of selected coins, medals, and rare currency of the world including the Robert Gordon collection of European medals related to the Americas, which was at one time owned by Medina, but consigned to us by Robert Gordon.

★ SOME OF THE PRICES WE HAVE OBTAINED - We can guarantee top prices for extremely rare material. Some examples are:

● The three Mexico 3 Real pieces of Carlos and Johanna which realized \$15,600 in our King Farouk Sale - Part II.

● \$1950 was obtained for a silver medal featuring on the obverse George III and on the reverse two rampant lions. This medal commemorates the determination of England to continue the war with America to the bitter end. Nevertheless, independence came a year later (Betts #781, Medina #161).

● In our 5001 - lot sale, \$3,300 was obtained for a Costa Rica 5 Reales 1841 with a very EF.

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Cash contributions received were from Ilse Griffith of San Antonio, \$5.00 in memory of Paul Whyborn, father of Ray Whyborn, San Antonio. Lyman C. Bartee, donated \$5.00 also in memory of Mr. Whyborn. Others were \$25.00 from Augusta Folda, Tyler, and \$55.00 from the Corpus Christi Coin Club.

We are also grateful for the following book donations:

M-10—"An Historic Sketch of the Coins of New Jersey" by Edward Maris, M.D. with plates. Donated by D. O. Joplin, Levelland.

SI24—"The Un Peso of the Bank of Mexico" by Ed Shlieker, Samuel M. Paonessa and William L. Spencer, 1st edition. Donated by the authors.

K-14—"American War Medals and Decorations" by Evans E. Kerrigan, 1964. Donated by H. R. Peppard, Odessa.

L-7—"Coins and Coin Collecting" by Howard Linecar, 1971. Donated by Augusta Folda, Tyler.

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March 3 has been an eventful day in history — on that day in 1849 the gold dollar was okayed; 1851 the 3-cent piece was okayed; 1863, fractional notes; and 1875 the 20-cent. All happened on March 3.

Pilgrim Half Dollar

In 1920 occurred the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims on the coast of New England. The town of Plymouth, Mass., where they landed from the Mayflower, celebrated the event in 1921 by several pageants that attracted national attention

In commemoration of this historic event, a special half dollar was struck and turned over to the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission for distribution through the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. These were placed on the market at \$1 each and bear the dates, 1920 and 1921.

During 1920 there were 200,112 pieces struck at the Philadelphia mint, and in 1921, 100,053 additional of the same design were coined, of which 80,000 were remelted, leaving 20,052 outstanding.

OBVERSE: Half length figure of a typical Pilgrim, designated "Governor Bradford" to left, wearing conical hat and carrying hook in left arm; in field back of head, "In God We Trust"; above "United States of America"; below, "Pilgrim Half Dollar"; a small incused "D" below the elbow of Pilgrim is for Dallin—Cyrus E. Dallin, Boston sculptor who designed the coin.

REVERSE: A side view of the "Mayflower" sailing to left; around the edge, "Pilgrim, Tercentenary Celebration, 1620-1920."

In 1921 the same was coined as above, but with the year 1921 introduced on the obverse in left field. As the previous piece bore only anniversary dates 1620-1920, the addition of this second year is interesting. Most collectors agree that it is a rather neat design; the only criticism has been that Dallin adopted a sailing vessel of a later period than the original Mayflower

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DECEMBER 2

ARLINGTON COIN CLUB, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike, Arlington



DECEMBER 8-9

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Johnson House Motel. WRITE: Club, Box 106, Lubbock 79408.



1974 SEASON

MARCH 3

LEVELLAND COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Levelland Women's Bldg., Fair Grounds. CONTACT: D. O. Joplin, 404 College, Levelland 79336.



MARCH 16-17

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, 3rd annual COLLECTORS' SHOW, Exposition Hall. BOURSE: Harvey A. Bruns, P. O. Drawer 908, Mission 78572.



APRIL 26-28

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN., 16th convention, Rice Hotel, Houston. GEN. CHRMN.—Chris Jasso, Box 2963, Houston 77701.



SEPTEMBER 28-29

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Stephen F. Austin Hotel. WRITE: Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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If you desire one of the souvenirs, send your order to the TNA NEWS Editor, Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596, as soon as possible. Please print or type exactly as you wish your name to be engraved and give your TNA number. If you desire any other information on the medal such as the year or your place of residence, please add 10 cents extra for each letter or number.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT ONE:

Importance of bringing young people into the club was stressed by President Kessler at the September meeting of the Mineral Wells Coin Club held at the North Oak Community Center.

Special prizes were won by Viola Bennett, Joseph Sparks and Raz Ford. —Hellen Rust, Reporter.



Everett Hull
Governor

DISTRICT FOUR:

J. P. Jones presented the program for members of the Waco Coin Club meeting held at Texas Power & Light Service Center. Jones spoke on Maundy money and had specimens on display.

Twenty-two attended and a nominating committee was named to select officers for 1974.—J. P. Jones, Sec.



Keith Johnson
Governor

DISTRICT FIVE:

Members of the Texomaland Coin & Stamp Club were completing plans for the second annual coin show on November 3-4 at the Silver Wings Club at Perrin Air Force Base.

Regular meetings in September were held on the 7th and the 21st.

LCdr. C. C. Andrews, TNA District 5 governor, showed a slide set consisting of foreign coins dating back to about 800 B.C. and concerned boats and ships on coins. Included were the same design on United States coinage.

At the second session of the month, rare coins were bought and sold by members.—John K. Megginson, Sec.

The 111th meeting of Numismatics International of Dallas was held September 19 at the Community Room. William E. Benson was in charge of the program and talked to the group on "Scarce Paper Money of the World."



C. C. Andrews
Governor

NI issues a monthly bulletin containing articles on world coins and Elmore B. Scott is president. —Club Bulletin.

LCdr. C. C. Andrews was the evening's speaker at the September meeting of the Garland Coin Club held at the Garland Lions Club building. Andrews talked on "The Circulating Coins of Hawaii" and showed slides of some of the coins.

Plans were made to have a Christmas dinner and fun night with Glenn Harris to be in charge. Richard Thousdale, junior member, won an ancient bronze coin of Constantine the Great, and Vernon Bash was

awarded a 25 peso Mexican Olympic coin as attendance prizes.

At the August meeting, Frances O. Landon passed among the members a selection of her ancient coins and gave a brief background of each.—**Frances O. Landon, Sec.**



R. L. Hewgley Jr., T. Homer Brooks, R. L. Johnston and Tom Bain were appointed as a nominating committee to name new officers for the **Dallas Coin Club**. Plans were approved to hold a Christmas party and in charge of arrangements will be George F. Johnson, chairman; and Mrs. Pauline Boone, Mrs. Frances O. Landon, Mrs. Johnson, Bain, Johnston and Hewgley, assisting.

A trading session was held and the attendance prize went to Mr. Johnson.—**LCdr. C. C. Andrews, Sec.**



Twenty-seven attended the regular meeting of the **Paris Coin Club** held at the Gibraltar Hotel. Plans were completed for the annual coin show set for October.

It was announced that Clifford Allen, club member, had passed away.—**Yvonne W. Gray, Sec.**



DISTRICT SIX:

Two programs took up the time for members attending the **Greater Houston Coin Club Inc.** held at Southwestern Savings building. Colin Tuttle spoke on "The Carson City Mint" and Chris Jasso gave "Dollar Facts" explaining the symbols found on the reverse of the United States currency.

Plans were discussed for hosting the TNA convention in 1974 and a report was given by Robert Astrich on the ANA convention held in Boston and the club's bid to hold the 1978 ANA meeting in Houston.—**Colin Tuttle, Dist. 6 Junior Gover-**

nor.



Ruby Threlkeld gave the program at the September meeting of **Galveston County Coin Club** of Texas City which was held at Nessler Center. Mrs. Threlkeld talked on the ANA convention held in Boston and gave highlights—meetings attended, outings enjoyed and things learned that will benefit the local clubs. She displayed gifts and souvenirs from the convention and showed a special award and coin she received from the Elongated Cent Club, three awards from the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors. These awards were given for committee work, literary writings and appreciation from the president for her services in 1973.

On December 13, the club members will have the annual Christmas party. Mrs. Threlkeld, Don Stolenberg and Carl Nessler won special prizes for the evening.—**Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**



At the August meeting of the **La Marque Coin Club**, it was reported that attendance had been good during the summer months and all enjoyed the annual picnic held at Carhide County Park. All brought items for the program entitled "Match Books—All the Way" and each told the story of his or her favorite. Charles Mitchell displayed one of the most interesting, it being 18 inches long and had come from Germany.

Mrs. Akey talked on Standing Liberty quarters which were minted from 1916 to 1930. She had a display of the coins. Also on the program panel was Ruby Threlkeld who spoke on "Four of the U.S. Presidents"—Jefferson, Lincoln, Johnson and Kennedy. She gave a short biography on each president and exhibited a set of miniature medals.

coins and tokens showing the four presidents.

Mrs. Threlkeld, at the September meeting, gave a program on her trip to the ANA convention held in Boston. She had awards and souvenirs to show the group. Special honors were given to her by the Elongated Cent Club and the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors. She told of the various events held, the club representatives' breakfast, Token and Medal Society luncheon, ANA banquet and the exhibitors' meeting. Mrs. Threlkeld gave each member one of her elongated cents presented to her by Mr. and Mrs. Al Kirka of Connecticut.

Club members are selling Handi-note stationery to help defray expenses of the annual Christmas party.

At a later September meeting, Jay Akey gave the program on how to photograph coins and took pictures for the members.—Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.



A discussion was held by members of the Pasadena Coin Club on the annual show which was scheduled for October 20-21 at the Gulfgate Auditorium in Houston. The monthly meeting was held at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Pasadena and 19 attended.

Ray Richardson conducted a quiz on Mercury dimes and Bill Chase won the prize.

Chase was to have the program at the next meeting and the subject was to be Bust halves.—Marvin Currie Jr., Gov, Dist. 6.



DISTRICT SEVEN:

September meetings for the Alamo Coin Club of San Antonio were held at the KSAT-TV conference room. The first meeting featured a slide and film presentation by Porter

Montgomery on numismatics and Mexican archaeology. President John Hells greeted new members, Mr. and Mrs. James Curtis and in turn, Curtis presented the club with a bronze medal commemorating the first anniversary of the Central Illinois Numismatic Society, 1949.

Ray Whyborn gave a program on the legend of Saint George at the second meeting of the month, followed by a numismatic quiz conducted by Lee Grossman. Freeman Craig was the winner.—Elda Kammer, Sec.



DISTRICT EIGHT:

Joe B. Davis talked on his visit to ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs and his attendance at the seminar at the recent meeting of the Corpus Christi Coin Club. Davis said that there were three classes conducted — grading, photography and counterfeit detection. He gave a detailed account and stated that bogus coins are getting harder to detect, the counterfeiters are getting more sophisticated and that a 10-power glass is no longer good enough for detection. He explained that one of the ways to check coins, particularly coinage of the U.S., was with a specific gravity test.



John C. Face
Governor

Martin Rittenhouse gave a report on his trip to California and the National Error Collectors of America convention. Martin told the group that error collecting is gaining momentum in the nation and displayed error specimens including a Lincoln cent struck on a silver planchet and then struck over with Roosevelt

dime dies.

At the following meeting, Martin addressed the club members again and gave an account of the life of David Rittenhouse, first U.S. mint director. He said that David was a controversial and diversified figure. He was a clock maker, astronomer, surveyor and even ground the lenses and made a pair of spectacles for President George Washington in 1784. Rittenhouse was appointed director of the mint on April 14, 1792 and even advanced some of his own funds to do some of the early work at the mint. Construction of the mint began on July 1, 1792; however, some of the early patterns were struck in buildings where mint equipment was stored. Rittenhouse received many fellowships and honorary degrees and no doubt contributed greatly to the new republic, according to Martin.

During the business session, club members voted to donate \$55.00 to the TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY.—**John C. Face, Gov. Dist. 8.**

The annual Christmas party hosted by the **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi has been set for December 14 at the Chung Mei Restaurant. Plans were completed for the coin show set for October 20-21 at Exposition Hall. Clarence Davis was general chairman.

At the August 28 meeting, Martin Rittenhouse gave a report on his attendance of the National Error Collectors of America convention. He showed slides of some of the activities and passed around a selection of numismatic errors for all to view.

A slide set from the TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY was used as the program on September 11 and the title was "Types of Regular Issue Gold Coins of the U.S."—**Club Bul-**

letin.

DISTRICT NINE:

New officers have been elected for the **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock and include **R. L. Marshall**, president; **Max Steger**, vice president; **Kary T. Edwards**, secretary; and **John Roberts**, treasurer. A discussion was also held on the annual coin show.

Ed Edwards spoke on Napoleon and had a display. **James Hogue** showed a slide set on ancient coins. Both were presented TNA achievement awards for their programs.—**D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9** and **Kary T. Edwards, Sec.**

Max Steger showed members of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield a slide set on Mexican coins from the TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY at the September meeting with 21 present.

D. O. Joplin gave a report on the TNA Board meeting held in Austin in conjunction with the **Austin Coin Club** show held at the **Stephen F. Austin Hotel**. A TNA achievement award was presented to **Max Steger**.—**D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

A roundup of activities at area coin club shows was given by **D. O. Joplin** and **E. L. Pitzer** at the September meeting of the **Levelland Coin Club**. Reporting also were **James Hogue** and **Floyd Wilson**.

Seven were present for the meeting held at the **Spot Restaurant**.—**D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

DISTRICT TEN

On Sunday, September 13, 1964



D. O. Joplin
Governor

semi-annual TNA Board meeting was held in Austin and one of the items covered was the appointment of a governor for District 10. This district is in west Texas and includes El Paso and Hudspeth counties. I am honored to have received the appointment and am pleased to have an opportunity to serve the numismatists of District 10.

At present the only TNA club in the district is the International Coin Club of El Paso. The club meets every Thursday (except holidays) at 7:30 p.m. at 4005 Montana Ave. It is truly an "international" club in that it has members from Texas, New Mexico, Old Mexico and Germany. There are large military establishments in the area and the club has many members from the various posts, including some from foreign troops stationed here. Visitors are always welcome.

I would like to hear from any TNA members in this district that belong to clubs not yet affiliated with TNA. I think we need some new clubs in the district and we need to increase the TNA membership. Sometime during this year let's try to have each one sign up at least one new member. That would be a good start towards building up an interest in numismatics in west Texas.

The International club held an auction on September 20 and highlights of the sale were a hammered silver English sixpence of Elizabeth I which sold for \$17 and a BU United States 1926-S silver dollar which sold for \$19.

Anyone interested in numismatics and would like more information on forming clubs in District 10 or joining the state organization, please contact me at 5047 Catskill Ave., El Paso 79904—Phillip S. Shutt, Gov. Dist. 10.

DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

Members of the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club voted to participate in the Women's Forum Hobby Show in October to help promote their two interests in the area. Plans were to have displays of stamps and coins.



W. C. Williams
Governor

W. C. Williams was appointed to take charge of arrangements for the annual Christmas dinner party. A trading session followed the close of business and refreshments were served by Mrs. Woody Taylor to 53 members and guests.—Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.



DISTRICT FOURTEEN:

A presentation ceremony in honor of Father Miguel Hidalgo was held at the Hidalgo County Historical Museum in Edinburg on September 16. Miriam and Wally Gilmore of Weslaco gave a five peso silver coin issued in 1953



L. G. Davenport
Governor

to commemorate the 200th birthday of Father Hidalgo, the father of Mexican Independence, and the man for whom Hidalgo County is named.

It was September 16, 1810 that Father Hidalgo gave the "grito" from the Church of Dolores Hidalgo, which was the call to arms to fight for Mexican Independence from Spain. Mrs. Gilmore had prepared a history of Father Hidalgo's life and activities toward Mexican Independence. This biography and coin were suitably framed for hanging.

at the museum. The presentation was made in the names of the **Hidalgo Coin Club** and the **South Texas Error Club**. Darrell Brumley of Edinburg and Mrs. Ruth Davis of McAllen, members of the museum board, accepted the present in the name of the museum. Members of the two clubs were present for the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore also placed on permanent loan an exhibit featuring mint medals and mint history at the First National Bank in Weslaco.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doyle were hosts for the monthly meeting of the Error Club at their home in Edinburg. Lance Dohé gave the program on varieties in edge reeding on dollars and the decorative berries found on the dollar. He pointed out that there were nine varieties.

At both the September and October meetings of the Hidalgo club, Mrs. Gilmore gave the program, discussing the Spanish milled dollar displaying a specimen, along with an assortment of counterfeit Mexican coins for the members to view; and a presentation on Food Stamps

which are collected as numismatic items. She said that the Food Stamp program began in 1939 and showed samples of the current stamps issued and used.

The Hidalgo club and the Error club voted to place exhibits at the Elks Ladies Auxiliary Wildcat Show on November 3-4 with members present during the two days to answer questions concerning numismatics and to invite anyone interested to attend their meetings.—**Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.**



The **Harlingen Coin Club** will hold its 11th annual coin show on November 24-25 at Richard's Gold Room with H. W. Prescott in charge of the bourse. He may be contacted at Rt. 1 Winter Gardens, Harlingen 78550.

Thirty-two attended the September meeting held at the First National Bank and Ada Lee Chisum and Craig Grover won special prizes—**Oneta Grisham, Sec.**



Earl Ziegler gave a program on "The History of Bolivia and Its Coinage" and displayed coins of the country at the September meeting of



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the **Brownsville Coin Club**. The meeting was held at the First National Bank with 21 present.

Plans were discussed for a coin show to be held in February 1974.
—**Oneta Grisham, Pres.**



Re-issuance of the \$2.00 United States bill was the topic selected for discussion by Miriam Gilmore at the September meeting of the **Port Isabel Coin Club** held at the City Hall. The principal reason for again producing the \$2.00 bill was the cost—which is just as much to print the \$1.00 as the \$2.00.

Exhibits were shown by Don Pruitt, Karen Davidhizar, junior member, and Mrs. Gilmore.—**Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.**



Mrs. Oneta Grisham gave the program for 14 members attending the **Willacy County Coin Club** meeting held at the Dew Drop Inn in Lyford. Mrs. Grisham spoke on "The Boom in Silver Crowns."

John Chisum, Don Pruitt and Mrs. Grisham brought exhibits for the meeting, and attendance prizes were won by Annette Fortson and Mrs. Robert C. Dedmon TNA District 14 Governor L. G. Davenport was present and welcomed as a new club member.—**Oneta Grisham, Sec.**



DISTRICT FIFTEEN:

On October 1, 12 numismatists gathered to organize a coin club in Orange and elect officers. The name of the new club is **Orange Coin Club** and meetings will be held on the first Monday at the Community Center, 20th and



Jerry Williams
Governor

Burton

Elected president was D. H. Breazale, Glenn B. Ladd, vice president; and W. M. Rogus, secretary-treasurer. Jerry Williams, District 15 governor, assisted in organizing the club.

Sidney King of Beaumont presented the program and spoke on the making up of wills followed by a question and answer period.—**Jerry Williams, Gov. Dist. 15.**



Bernard Brady spoke on Texas currency at the August meeting of the **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** and Gary Gerald gave some interesting numismatic facts. The meeting was held at M&R Collector's Mecca.

Achievement awards were presented by President Jerry Williams to Richard Krummel, Gary and Molly Gerald, Bernard Brady and Mrs. Ford for presenting programs and contributing to club activities.—**Club Bulletin.**



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(EDITOR'S NOTE—As space permits, the TNA NEWS will print letters of club activities entered in the 1972 CLUB SALUTE award. This is in hopes of directing other clubs in submitting their reports for the 1973 contest.)

Salute To Greater Port Arthur & Fort Worth Clubs! ... Entrants In 1972 Contest

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club is a Life Member (No. 6) of TNA and has 35 senior members and five juniors. Officers for 1972 were Joe O'Neal, president; Richard Krummel, vice president; and Betty Krummel, secretary-treasurer. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday at M&R Collector's Mecca.

The year's programs included subjects on altered coins, Red Book, different ways to collect foreign coins, and the most special program was a combined meeting with the Beaumont Coin Club in having TNA President Lyman Barteo as a guest. The club also showed slides on silver dollars and gold coins. The report was submitted by Betty Krummel, secretary.



The Fort Worth Coin Club, known as "The Friendliest Coin Club in Texas," was organized in 1954 and celebrated its 204th monthly meeting in December 1972. The club has 102 members. Meetings are held the first Thursday at Gause-Ware Room and the room is furnished gratis as a public service of the Gause-Ware Funeral Home.

Programs included: Brad Mills, coin columnist, of Dallas, speaking on general coin collecting; Officer Lionel Cooper of the Fort Worth Police Dept. giving tips on how to protect coins from theft; and Helen Wallace speaking along with a practical demonstration on protection of coins. Exhibits were furnished to neighborhood banks. The club hosts an annual show and sponsored a meeting with TNA President Lyman Barteo as guest. D. M. Fretwell re-

ported on his attendance at the authentication seminar of ANA held in Colorado Springs and each speaker was presented a certificate of appreciation.

Ideas contributed were a suggestion box for what members want to know; upgrading auctions and collections. Joe Neal, who submitted the report, commented that the club "... is going to push in the next few months to keep members coming back and to bring their coin buddies with them." The Fort Worth club is Life Member No. 2.

DECIMAL COINS

In 1869, it was decided to adopt the modern decimal type of coinage for Mexico and the Balance Scale design was used. This new coinage was equal in weight and fineness to the eight-reales coin, but was viewed with suspicion by most Oriental merchants and was discounted 3-4%. This forced Mexico to again resume minting eight reales from 1873 until 1897.

In 1968 mint marks were restored to United States coinage after having been removed in 1965.

The base coin of the nation's monetary system, the silver dollar was first produced in extremely limited numbers in 1794, with production getting underway in earnest the following year. That first dollar presented a symbolic head of Liberty, as did all U.S. silver dollars until the advent of the Eisenhower issue in 1971.

WHEN & WHERE?

Traveling numismatists are sometimes seeking coin clubs to visit and the TNA News is endeavoring to supply such information. If your club welcomes visitors — let us know when and where your meetings are held. A new listing will be given each month. Send us the information — this is a service to your club and your members.



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GALVESTON COUNTY COIN CLUB, 4th Tuesday, Nessler Civic Center, Texas City.



PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB, 4th Thursday, Collectors' Mecca, 2335 Proctor St.



CENTRAL TEXAS COIN CLUB, 3rd Tuesday, Room A, Coliseum, Brownwood



BROWNSVILLE COIN CLUB, 2nd Tuesday, First National Bank



ALAMO COIN CLUB, 2nd Wednesday and 4th Tuesday, KSAT-TV, 1408 St. Mary's St., San Antonio.



TEXOMALAND COIN AND STAMP CLUB, 1st and 3rd Fridays, Chamber of Commerce, Denison.



WACO COIN CLUB, 2nd Thursday, Texas Power & Light Center.



CORSICANA COIN CLUB, 1st Tuesday, Recreation Center, First Methodist Church

BELLAIRE COIN CLUB, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, Southwestern Savings Bldg., 5301A Bissonnet.



TEMPLE COIN CLUB, 2nd Monday, Gober Youth Center.



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INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB of EL PASO, each Thursday night, except holidays, 4005 Montana Ave.



PASADENA COIN CLUB, 2nd and 4th Mondays, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church



ORANGE COIN CLUB, 1st Monday, Community Center, 20th and Orange.



SCARCE NICKELS

Like the Indian Head cent, Liberty Head nickels have disappeared from circulation. They were replaced in 1913 by the Indian and Buffalo type—only three years after the Lincoln cents replaced the Indian Head. A few dates of the 1880's are even now very difficult to find and all indications point to an increasing demand for this series in the near future.



Our first silver dollars, in fact the entire U.S. coinage, was based on the prevalent standard for the Spanish milled dollar of the day, with silver being minted at a ratio of 15 to 1 to gold. This situation placed the bullion value of the coin above its face value, encouraged its export, and in 1804 led to a suspension of its production for nearly 40 years.

TNA MEMBERS MEET AT ANA

Many Texans stormed the doors of the ANA convention held in Boston and many honors were placed on some of the members of Texas Numismatic Association.

Ruby Threlkeld of La Marque was elected to the board of governors of THE ELONGATED CENT CLUB and was awarded a special coin and certificate in recognition of her services. Ruby was presented 300 elongateds with her name, home town, state and charter membership number engraved on them. At the meeting of THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS, she was awarded two wooden certificates for special services and for serving her third term on the board of

governors.

Virgil Hancock of Bellaire retired as ANA governor and president of ORGANIZATION ON INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATISTS. Bob Medlar, Lubbock, and Thos. C. Bain, Dallas, serving on the board of THE SOCIETY OF PAPER MONEY COLLECTORS and Joe B. Davis of Corpus Christi served on the ANA medals committee. Numismatics International of Dallas held a special meeting during the convention.

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